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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 24, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Acting Secretary of State that the appointment of Mr. Illa Salifou as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Niger to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of the Republic of Niger.

Brent Scowcroft
Major General, USAF
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Dispatched 6/24/74 (rb)

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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June 12, 1974

CONFIDENTIAL (GDS)

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis

SUBJECT: Agrement for New Ambassador to the US from Niger

State has requested agrement for the new Ambassador to the US from Niger, Illa Salifou. (Tab B) Hal Horan concurs and we have prepared the usual memorandum for your signature. (Tab A)

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab A.

Attachments

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MEMORANDUM

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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June 12, 1974

FOR: Jeanne Davis

FROM: Hal Horan HH

SUBJECT: Agrement - Illa Salifou - Ambassador to the US from Niger

The attached memorandum from General Scowcroft is directed to the Secretary of State and concurs in the appointment of Illa Salifou as Ambassador of Niger to the United States.

Attachment

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 11, 1974

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Dear Mr. President:

The Government of the Republic of Niger has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Illa Salifou as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Niger to the United States. A biography of Mr. Salifou is enclosed. A thorough review of United States Government records reveals no grounds for objection.

I believe this appointment would be satisfactory. If you concur, I shall be pleased to inform the Government of the Republic of Niger.

Respectfully,

Joseph J. Sisco
Acting Secretary

Enclosure:

Biography.

The President,
The White House.

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FOR AF/W LOUGHRAN

E.O. 11652: NODS
TAGS: PFOR NG
SUBJECT: AGREMENT FOR ILLA SALIFOU AS NIGER'S AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

REF: A. NIAMEY 2052; B. NIAMEY 1796

1. REF A REPORTS THAT NIGER IS NOT SENDING DELEGATE TO LOS CONFERENCE CARACAS "FOR TIME BEING". IT OCCURS TO ME THAT LOGICAL CANDIDATE AS DELEGATE IS ILLA SALIFOU, WHOM GON PROBABLY HOPES TO SEND AS SOON AS AGREMENT COMES THROUGH. AFTER CONFERENCE HE COULD PROCEED TO WASHINGTON.

2. SINCE I ASSUME IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO HAVE NIGER DELEGATION AT CONFERENCE AND IN ORDER REPLY TO GON REQUEST, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHERE MATTER STANDS AND HOW SOON WE CAN EXPECT DECISION.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L NIAMEY 1796

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, NG
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AGREMENT FOR ILLA SALIFOU AS NIGER AMBASSADOR
TO U.S.

FOR AF/W LOUGHRAN

1. IN NOTE DATED JUNE 4, 1974, MFA REQUESTS AGREMENT FOR ILLA SALIFOU, CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF CABINET IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, AS AMBASSADOR TO U.S., AS SUCCESSOR TO AMBASSADOR ABDOULAYE DIALLO, WHO IS BEING ASSIGNED ELSEWHERE.

2. COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT REQUEST FOR AGREMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT BY NIGER EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BUT BECAUSE GON HOPES TO MOVE AHEAD EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH APPOINTMENT AND HAS ITS OWN POUCH AND COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS BETWEEN HERE AND WASHINGTON, I UNDERTOOK AT SPECIAL REQUEST OF ACTING FONMIN TO FORWARD REQUEST IN OUR CHANNELS. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S EARLY RESPONSE.

3. SALIFOU'S CURRICULUM VITAE AS SET FORTH IN MFA NOTE FOLLOWS:

NAME: ILLA SALIFOU
BIRTHDAY AND PLACE: FEBRUARY 17, 1932, MADAOUA, NIGER.
FAMILY STATUS: MARRIED, SEVEN CHILDREN.
EDUCATION: SCHOOLS IN NIGER AND FRANCE.
LANGUAGE: FRENCH, SOME ENGLISH.
CAREER:

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1950-1956 PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT.
1957-1959 ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY IN COLONIAL GOVERNMENT, NIGER.
1960 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.
1960-1961 DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND LIGISLATIVE SECTION, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.
1961-1966 FIRST SECRETARY, THEN COUNSELOR OF NIGER EMBASSY, WASHINGTON.
1968-1970 DIRECTOR OF CABINET, MFA.
AND 1971-DATE DIRECTOR OF CABINET, MFA.
1970-1971 DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONULAR AFFAIRS, MFA.
OTHER: MEMBER OF NIGER DELEGATION TO 16TH THROUGH 24TH AND 26TH SESSION OF UNGA; TO MEETINGS OF IBRD, IDA & ICAO AND TO OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS 1967-1971. HONORS: HONORARY CITIZEN OF KANSAS CITY, MISS. AND DECORATIONS FROM FRANCE AND GERMANY.

4. COMMENT: SALIFOU IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY, IS ONE OF MOST EXPERIENCED MEMBERS OF MFA AND HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE SERVICE IN US BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND UN.
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, NG
SUBJECT: PAO RECALL

REF: STATE 20094

1. RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT CULTURAL CENTER REMAIN OPEN BUT THAT DECISION ON SENDING NEW PAO BE DEFERRED. CENTER'S ACTIVITIES CONSIST PRIMARILY OF READING ROOM, DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS AND FILLMS, AND RADIO PLACEMENTS. MODEST STAG PROGRAM PLANNED FOR SPRING CANCELLED BUT FULBRIGHT LECTURER IN MATH FOR NEXT FALL STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT DIORI MADE STATEMENT THAT SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS FREQUENTED CENTER, HE DID NOT BELABOR POINT. LATER IN CONVERSATION HE SPECIFICALLY SAID HE WOULD WELCOME CONTINUATION OF CENTER AND ASSIGNMENT OF NEW PAO. IN CAUTION THAT NEW PAO WOULD HAVE TO ENFORCE STRICTER CONTROL, I BELIEVE HE IS REFERRING TO ACCESS TO MIMEO MACHINES AND NOT TO READING ROOM.

3. CENTER HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ITS PRIMARY ROLE OF REACHING AND INFLUENCING EDUCATED, ELITE GROUP IN COUNTRY ON BROAD THEMES AMERICAN POLICY, LIFE AND ACTIVITIES, AND PARTICULARLY IN PUBLICIZING OUR RESPONSE TO SAHELIAN DROUGHT. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH EMBASSY SUPERVISION ABLE LOCAL AND THIRD-COUNTRY STAFF CAN CONTINUE SUCH A ROLE EFFECTIVELY.

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KINSHASA FOR MCGINLEY

REF: STATE 17655

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS NG
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DIORI CONCERNING REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PAO

SUMMARY. I MET WITH PRESIDENT DIORI EVENING JANUARY 27 UNDER INSTRUCTIONS. DESPITE EXPRESSION REGRETS AND REQUEST THAT DECISION BE RECONSIDERED, DIORI INSISTED THAT PAO BE RECALLED. DIORI WILLING ADMIT PRINTING OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT TRACTS MAY HAVE HAPPENED PRIOR INCUMBENT PAO'S ARRIVAL. HE SAID DECISION TO ASK MCHALE BE WITHDRAWN BASED LESS ON PRINTING INCIDENT OR FREQUENTATIONS OF CENTER BY DISSIDENT TEACHERS THAN ON FACT THAT PAO NO LONGER ENJOYS CONFIDENCE OF PRESIDENT AND GON. I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO SAY USG COULD NOT ACCEDE TO REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL OF PAO ON BASIS OF WHAT I HAD BEEN TOLD PREVIOUSLY. DIORI SAID THAT BECAUSE PAO NO

LONGER
HAS HIS CONFIDENCE THERE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO WITHDRAW HIM. IF USG REFUSED WITHDRAW, PAO WOULD BE DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA. END SUMMARY.

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1. PRESIDENT DIORI RECEIVED ME LATE EVENING JANUARY 27. OUMAROU YOUSSOUFOU WAS ALSO PRESENT BUT REMAINED SILENT THROUGHOUT MEETING. I INFORMED THE PRESIDENT USG CONSIDERS THE QUESTION OF THE RECALL OF THE PAO A GRAVE MATTER AND THAT I WAS THEREFORE ACING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS. I ALSO INFORMED PRESIDENT THAT AMBASSADOR DIALLO HAD BEEN CELLED IN BY DEPARTMENT AND GICEN USG POSITION. AFTER EXPRESSING REGRETS THAT OUR FACILITIES WERE USED UNBEKNOWN TO US BY NIGERIEN PROFESSOR TO
PRINT ANTI-GOVERNMENT MATERIAL, IS
ASSURED HIM WE HAD TAKEN STRICT MEASURES TO PREVENT REOCCURENCE AS SOON AS WE LEARNED OF MISUSE. I ALSO EXPLAINED THAT AS FAR AS WE KNEW THE DEED HAD BEEN COMMITTED DEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF MCHALE, BUT EVEN IF IT WERE PROVEN THAT PRINTING HAD TAKEN PLACE WHILE HE WAS IN COUNTRY, THE USG CONSIDEREDTHAT REQUESTING HIS RECALL FOR SOMETHING THAT TOOK PLACE WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE WAS AN EXTREME STEP, FAR BEYOND THE GRAVITY OF THE ACT. THEREFORE IN VIEW OF THE NEARLY 15 YEARS OF CLOSE, FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NIGER, I ASKED HIM TO RECONSIDER HIS REQUEST FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF MCHALE.

2. DIORI SAID HE PLACED HIGHEST VALUE ON EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH US. HE ADDED THAT US HAD PROVEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN, PARTICULARLY DURING DROUGHT, THAT IT WAS TRUE AND GENEROUS FRIEND OF NIGER. HE CLAIMED HE TOOK ALL OF THIS INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN HE DECIDED TO ASK THAT PAO BE RECALLED, AND HE THEREFORE CHOSE TO USE PRIVATE CHANNELS RATHER THAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN ORDER TO KEEP MATTER QUIET AND NOT DISRUPT EXISTING GOOD RELATIONS. PRESIDENT SAID NIGER WAS CURRENTLY FACING GRAVE CRISIS WITH ITS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. ACCORDING TO HIM STUDENT PROBLEM WAS BEING BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL,
BUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT STILL HAD TO DEAL WITH THE
TEACHERS AND SOME FOREIGNERS. GOVERNMENT WAS TURNING OVER A QUOTE NEW LEAF UNQUOTE IN ITS APPROACH
TO EFFORTS BY TEACHERS AND INTELLECTUALS TO SUBVERT THE STUDENTS. IT WAS THUS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CRISIS WITH THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS THAT HE VIEWED WHAT HAD HAPPENED AT THE USIS CULTURAL CENTER. PRESIDENT WENT ON TO SAY WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS HE WOULD ALSO CALL IN FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND UNDP RESIDENT REP AND ASK THAT SEVERAL FRENCH COOPERANTS AND

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UN EXPERTS BE TRANSFERRED OUT OF COUNTRY. HE SAID AS MUCH AS HE VALUES RELATIONS WITH THE US, FRANCE AND THE UNDP, IF HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT NO
LONGER HAVE QUOTE CONFIDENCE UNQUOTE
IN A PERSON, REGARDLESS OF HIS NATIONALITY OR POSITION, HE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. EVERY EFFORT HOWEVER WOULD BE MADE TO EFFECT THE DEPARTURE QUIETLY AND WITHOUT PUBLICITY.

3. PRESIDENT ADMITTED HE COULD NOT PROVE CONCLUSIVELY WHEN PRINTING OF TRACTS ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE, BECAUSE KABA EVIDENTLY TOLD PAO ONE STORY AND SECURITY ANOTHER. HE SIAD, HOWEVER, THERE WAS NEGLIGENCE BY ONE OF THE CENTER'S DIRECTORS AND SECURITY BEIEVES IT HAPPENED DURING MCHALE'S TENURE. HE THEN MENTIONED THE INCIDENT WHERE FRENCH DIRECTR OF PEDAGOGIC INSTITUTE WAS ASKED TO LEAVE ON 48 HOURS NOTICE BECAUSE PRINING OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT TRACT HAD BEEN TRACED TO INSTITUE. DIORI SAID IT WAS ALSO KNOWN HAT QUOTE LEFTIST, SUBVERSIVE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS UNQUOTE FREQUENTED CULTURAL CENTER. PRESIDENT SAID NEVERTHELESS THAT HE WAS REQUESTING MCHALE BE TRANSFERRED NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE HE CONSIDERED CXCUMBENT PAO RATHER THAN PREDECESSOR GUILTY OF THE NEGLIGENCE OR THAT MCHALE HAD ASSOCIATION WITH THE DISSIDENT PROFESSORS AND THE FREQUENTED CENTER, BUT PRIMARILY BECAUSE MCHALE QUOTE NO LONGER ENJOYS
MY AND MY GOVERNMENT'S
CONFIDENCE UNQUOTE. DIORI SAID EVEN IF HE RECONSIDERED DECISION AS I HAD REQUESTED AND ALLOWED PAO TO REMAIN, HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FUNCTION IN NIGER SINCE HE WOULD NO LONGER HAVE ENTREE TO ANYONE IN GON. THUS THE ONLY COURSE OF ACTION WAS FOR USG TO RECALL HIM. PRESIDENT REPEATED SEVERAL
TIMES HE DID NOT WISH
SEE PAO'S CAREER HARMED BY BEING ASKED TO LEAVE BUT HE AND HIS

GOVERNMENT NO LONGER COULD WORK WITH HIM AS RESULT OF SUSPICIONS STEMMING FROM ASSOCIATIONS AND INCIDENT AT CULTURAL CENTER. PRESIDENT ALSO MENTIONED BRIEFLY IN PASSING THAT FOREIGN MINISTER OBJECTED TO PAO'S STATEMENT OF REFUTATION OF CHARGES LEVELED AGAINST USIS CENTER (NIAMEY 238).

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4. PRESIDENT SAID HE WANTED ME TO REQUEST USG TO TRANSFER PAO AND ASKED WHETHER I COULD ASSURE HIME THIS WOULD BE DONE WITHIN REASONABLE TIME. I TOLD HIM I WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM HIM THAT USG COULD NOT ACCEDE TO HIS REQUEST AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED TO ME BY YOUSSOUFOU THAT MCHALE BE WITHDRAWN VOLUNTARILY. I REPEATED EARLIER REGRETS ABOUT MISUSE OF FACILITIES AND INSTITUTION NEW TIGHT CONTROLS. I ALSO REPEATED THAT USG VIEWED EXPULSION OF PAO FOR WHAT WAS DONE WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE AND POSSIBLY EVEN BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL IN COUNTRY AS A GRAVE MATTER AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN TOTALITY OF US-NIGER RELATIONS. PRESIDENT RESPONDED BY SAYING QUESTION WAS NOT WHETHER IT COULD BE PROVED CONCLUSIVELY MCHALE WAS OR WAS NOT IN COUNTRY WHEN INCIDENT HAPPENED. PRIMARY REASON HE WANTED MCHALE TO LEAVE WAS THAT HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT HAD LOST CONFIDENCE IN HIM AND THAT ONLY LOGICAL CONCLUSION WAS TO TRANSFER HIM. HE WENT ON TO SAY HE COULD NOT SEE HOW USG COULD REFUSE HIS REQUEST, BUT IF IT WERE NOT ACCEPTED HE WOULD QUOTE ACT LIKE A BOKASSA OR A TOMBALBAYE AND PUBLICLY DECLARE PAO PERSONA NON GRATA FOR INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFIARS OF NIGER UNQUOTE. HE ASKED ME WHOSEINTERESTS WOULD BE SERVED IF HE WERE FORCED TO TAKE SUCH DRASTIC ACTION. PRESIDENT MADE POINT OF SAYING HE WOULD WELCOME A REPLACEMENT FOR MCHALE AND A CONTINUATION OF THE CENTER, BUT CAUTIONED THAT NEW PAO WOULD HAVE TO ENSURE STRICTER CONTROLS. PRESIDENT ASKED THAT I INFORM HIM PERSONALLY CONCERNING USG RESPONSE.

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5. PRESIDENT DIORI WAS NOT TO BE BUDGED FROM HIS DECISION TO ASK WITHDRAWAL OF MCHALE. DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT BROUGHT OUT SOME ADITIONAL FACTORS NOT MENTIONED BY YOUSSOUFOU. KABA MAY HAVE CONFESSED TO SECURITY TO HAVE USED CENTER'S FACILITIES DURING MCHALE'S TENURE ALTHOUGH HE DENIED THIS TO MCHALE. DIORI NEVERTHELESS DID NOT SEEM TO BE BASING HIS DECISION ASK WITHDRAWAL SPECIFICALLY ON WHEN SURREPTITIOUS PRINTING TOOK PLACE BUT ON BASISTHAT HE NO LONGER HAS CONFIDENCE IN PAO AT TIME WHEN GOVERNMENT SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH STUDENT/ TEACHER PROBLEMS. PRESIDENT DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER, DESPITE MY PROBING, ON WHAT SPECIFICALLY LED TO LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN MCHALE.

6. I AM AWARE THAT USG POSITION ON BASIS OF INFORMATION CONTAINED NIAMEY 238 AND 266 IS THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEDE TO DIORI'S REQUEST THAT MCHALE BE WITHDRAWN VOLUNTARILY AND I SO INFORMED DIORI. NEVERTHELESS MCHALE'S FURTHER EFFECTIVENESS IN NIGER IS NIL AS A RESULT OF WHAT DIORI HAS CONCLUDED ABOUT HIM. EVEN IF DIORI HAD RECONSIDERED HIS DECISION LAST EVENING AND OFFERED TO ALLOW MCHALE TO STAY, AFTER IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO ME THAT MCHALE NO LONGER HAD CONFIDENCE OF PRESIDENT, I WOULD HAVE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ASK DEPARTMENT TO REPLACE HIM REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT I CONSIDER DIORI'S BASIS FOR CLAIMING LOSS OF CONFIDENCE AS EXTREMELY FLIMSY AND SUBJECTIVE.

7. DIORI WAS EXPLICIT IN SAYING THAT IF MCHALE IS NOT TRANSFERRED, HE WILL EXPEL HIM PUBLICLY. SINCE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO AVOID PUBLIC DECLARATION OF MCHALE AS PERSONA NON GRATA, I RECOMMEND I BE AUTHORIZED INFORM PRESIDENT DIORI THAT WHILE WE FULLY CONVINCED OF MCHALE'S NON-INVOLVEMENT IN ANY WAY WITH NIGER'S STUDENT/TEACHER TROUBLES, ON THE BASIS THAT PRESIDENT HAS LOST CONFIDENCE IN HIM AND HE CAN NO LONGER FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY AS PAO IN NIGER, WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO WITHDRAW HIM. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.
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USIA/IAA FOR MCGINLEY AND PC FOR BELL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, NG
SUBJECT: GON ASKS THAT PAO BE RECALLED

REF: (A) NIAMEY 238; (B) NIAMEY 245 (CORRECTION IN TEXT)

1. I WAS CALLED LATE JANUARY 25 TO MEET WITH OUMAROU YOUSSOUFOU (NOMINALLY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF NIGER-NIGERIAN JOINT COMMISSION) WHO SAID HE WAS ORDERED BY PRESIDENT DIORI TO CONVEY TO ME THAT PAO MCHALE WAS TO BE RECALLED FROM NIGER. YOUSSOUFOU SAID PRESIDENT DIORI BELIEVES MCHALE WAS GUILTY OF NEGLIGENCE IN ALLOWING GASTON KABA TO RUN OFF ANTI-GOVERNMENT TRACTS IN US CULTURAL CENTER. YOUSSOUFOU WENT ON TO SAY PRESIDENT HAD MADE UP HIS MIND ON MATTER AND THAT IF MCHALE IS NOT REMOVED QUIETLY AND QUICKLY HE WILL BE EXPELLED.

2. I TOLD YOUSSOUFOU I COULD SCARCELY BELIEVE WHAT HE WAS TELLING ME SINCE CHARGES AGAINST MCHALE WERE BASED ON FALSE AND CONTORTED REASONING. IN FINAL EFFORT TO PROVE MCHALE'S TOTAL INNOCENCE OF THE CHARGE OF NEGLIGENCE, I DECIDED TO TELL OUMAROU THAT KABA HAD PERSONALLY TOLD MCHALE IN LATE NOVEMBER THAT HE HAD CONFESSED TO SECURITY POLICE THAT HE USED USIS MACHINE IN EARLY PART OF YEAR LONG BEFORE ARRIVAL OF MCHALE. OUMAROU THEN REPROACHED ME WITH FACT THAT USG KNEW OF INCIDENT IN LATE NOVEMBER BUT DID

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NOTHING AND THAT I WAS THEREFORE ALSO TO SOME DEGREE IMPLICATED. I SAID ON CONTRARY NEITHER OF US WERE IMPLICATED BUT THAT I IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER ORDERED A TIGHTENING OF CONTROLS OVER ACCESS TO MACHINES TO PREVENT REOCCURENCE OF ABUSE WHICH HAD OCCURED PIROR TO ARRIVAL INCUMBENT PAO.

3. I TOLD OUMAROU I WOULD INFORM WASHINGTON OF OUR DISCUSSION AND THAT I EXPECTED I WOULD BE ORDERED TO APPROACH PRESIDENT DIORI PERSONALLY ON THE MATTER. I REITERATED MCHALE'S COMPLETE INNOCENCE AND SAID THAT I THOUGHT HE WAS BEING TREATED UNFAIRLY AND HE AND HIS FAMILY WOULD SUFFER GRAVE HARDSHIP AS A RESULT OF THE REQUEST TO LEAVE. OUMAROU SAID HE BELIEVED PRESIDENT DIORI WOULD ALLOW MCHALE TO STAY TWO OR THREE WEKS IN ORDER TO EASE PERSONAL HARDSHIP BUT THAT PRESIDENT HAD MADE UP HIS MIND THAT MCHALE MUST GO.

4. THEN IN COMPLETE NON-SEQUITUR OUMAROU SAID PRESIDENT ALSO KNEW THAT KABA HAD ADMITTED PRINTING TRACTS AT PEACE CORPS OFFICE. PRESIDENT HOWEVER CONSIDERED PEACE CORPS OFFICE SO RELAXED AND INFORMAL THAT HE THEREFORE COULD NOT HOLD PC DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR KABA'S ACTIONS. PRESIDENT THEREFORE ORDERED THAT PCD NOT BE CALLED IN BY FOREIGN MINISTER AND THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN AGAINST HIM.

5. REQUEST PRIORITY INSTRUCTIONS.
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THIRD SENTENCE PARA 2 REFTEL SHOULD READ: HE ALSO CLAIMED AT TIME WHEN HE ADMITTED TO SECURITY HE HAD USED AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER AND PEACE CORPS FOR PRINTING TRACTS THAT HE MENTIONED AMERICAN DIRECTORS THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS ACTIVITY.
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GOVERNEMNT TRACTS

USIA/IAA FOR MCGINLEY AND PC FOR BELL

1. PAO AND I WERE SUMMONED BY FOREIGN MINISTER SABO JANUARY 22 TO RECEIVE ORAL PROTEST CONCERNING USE OF USIS AND PC FACILITIES BY NIGERIEN PROFESSOR TO PRINT ANTI-GOVERNMENT TRACTS. SABO SAID THAT GASTON KABA HAD CONFESSED TO SECURITY HE HAD REPORDUCE TRACTS AT AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER AND PEACE CORPS DURING PERIOD WHEN HE HAD PERMISSION TO USE MACHINES FOR PRINTING CLASSROOM ENGLISH EXERCISES. FOREIGN MINISTER SPOKE OF QUOTE COMPLICITY OR AT MINIMUM NEGLIGENCE UNQUOTE ON PART OF US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. I REJECTED OUTRIGHT CHARGE OF COMPLICITY BUT ADMITTED THERE MIGHT BE A CASE OF LAXNESS IN EXERCISING CONTROL OVER DUPLICATING MACHINE. I ASKED FOR FURTHER DETAILS ESPECIALLY CONCERNING TIMING. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION BUT WOULD INQUIRE. I EXPRESSED REGRETS AND ASSURED MINISTER WE WOULD INITIATE STRICTER CONTROL AND WOULD DO OUR BEST TO PREVENT SIMILAR INCIDENT IN FUTURE.

2. COMMENT: KABA HAD ADMITTED TO CURRENT PAO IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND TO FORMER PC DIRECTOR MUCH EARLIER THAT HE HAD IN FACT ABUSED PRIVILEGE AND RAN OFF ANTI-GOVERNMENT TRACTS DURING PREVIOUS SPRING (BEFORE ARRIVAL CURRENT PAO AND PCD).

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HE APOLOGIZED FOR BREACH OF CONFIDENCE. HE ALSO CLAIMED AT TIME HE HAD ADMITTED TO SECURITY HE HAD USED AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER AND PEACE CORPS FOR PRINTING TRACTS, AND MENTIONED TO SECURITY THAT AMERICAN DIRECTORS THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS ACTIVITY. PAO AND I DISCUSSED INCIDENT IN NOVEMBER WITH HORACE DAWSON DURING HIS VISIT TO NIAMEY. FULL REPORT SENT EARLY DECEMBER DESK OFFICER KOOB BY PAO. I DECIDED AT TTIME THAT BEST COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TO LET MATTER RIDE BUT TO TIGHTEN CONTROL OVER DUPLICATING MACHINE AND SUPPLIES. WILL REASSURE FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEAR FUTURE THAT STRICT CONTROLS NOW IN EFFECT AT USG FACILITIES AND ONLY SMALL NUMBER DESIGNATED PERSONS AUTHORIZED ACCESS TO MIMEO MACHINES.
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1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR STATE SPOKESMAN'S USE ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS. USIA WILL REFER ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS MATTER TO STATE. BEGIN TEXT:

QUESTION: WHAT IS BEHIND THE EXPULSION OF THE PUBLIC AF-FAIRS OFFICER FROM NIAMEY?

ANSWER: JAMES MCHALE WAS WITHDRAWN FROM HIS POST IN NIAMEY AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER. THE REASON GIVEN BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT FOR ITS REQUEST WAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER HAD "LOST CONFIDENCE" IN HIM. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT STRONGLY DISPUTED THIS REASONING AS UNJUSTIFIED, BUT IN VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INSISTENCE THAT HE BE WITHDRAWN WE HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO REMOVE HIM WITHOUT

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QUESTION: WHY DID THE GOVERNMENT LOSE CONFIDENCE IN HIM?

ANSWER: THE MATTER RELATES, IN BOTH CIRCUMSTANCES AND ATMOSPHERE, TO INTERNAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND STUDENT GROUPS. IT WAS CHARGED THAT FACILITIES AT THE US CULTURAL CENTER IN NIAMEY HAD BEEN USED ON OCCASION LAST YEAR TO MIMEOGRAPH ANTI-GOVERNMENT TRACTS. WHILE THIS CHARGE TURNED OUT TO HAVE SOME BASIS IN FACT, THE MISUSE OF US FACILITIES HAD OCCURRED WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PAO. WHEN THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS DISCOVERED, LAST NOVEMBER, CONTROLS WERE IMMEDIATELY PUT INTO EFFECT TO PREVENT REOCCURRENCE. IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE US FELT THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER'S REACTION WAS EXAGGERATED AND WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN TO THAT GOVERNMENT OVER ITS DECISION.

QUESTION: HOW WILL THIS AFFECT US/NIGERIEN RELATIONS?

ANSWER: WE STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER'S ACTION IN THIS CASE, BUT FRIENDS WILL DISAGREE FROM TIME TO TIME AND THE US GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, WILL DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO MAINTAIN THE LONG-STANDING TIES AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

QUESTION: WILL THIS INCIDENT AFFECT US PROGRAMS IN NIGER?

ANSWER: THE US WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN AIDING THIS, AS WELL AS THE OTHER SEVERELY DROUGHT-STRICKEN NATIONS OF THE SAHEL REGION OF WEST AFRICA. AS TO THE CULTURAL CENTER, THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WOULD WELCOME ITS CONTINUATION. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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1. AGREE WITH POST'S RECOMMENDATION TO WITHDRAW MCHALE. YOU SHOULD FOLLOW THE LINE PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH (7) REFTEL, ADDING THAT USG, IN THE ABSENCE OF AN EXPLANATION FOR GON "LOSS OF CONFIDENCE" IN MCHALE, FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND DIORI'S REASONING AND REGRETS HIS ACTION. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S INSISTENCE YOU MAY SAY THAT WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO WITHDRAW HIM. (FYI: YOU MAY NEGOTIATE TIMING AS BEST YOU CAN TO MINIMIZE HARDSHIP ON MCHALE AND FAMILY, BUT HE SHOULD LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 8. USIA IS SENDING ORDERS SEPARATELY. END FYI)

2. THE SUBJECT OF THE FUTURE OF THE CULTURAL CENTER SHOULD BE AVOIDED. IF ASKED, YOU SHOULD ONLY SAY THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED. IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE PROVIDE US SOONEST WITH YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE DESIRABILITY OF MAINTAINING THE CENTER IN NIAMEY. SHOULD IT BE CLOSED? SHOULD

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A VASTLY CURTAILED PROGRAM, SUPERVISED BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL, BE CONTINUED? OR SHOULD A NEW PAO BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE? IF YOU RECOMMEND CONTINUATION OF THE CENTER IN SOME FORM, PLEASE DESCRIBE ROLE YOU VIEW CENTER AS NOW PLAYING AND YOUR ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT ON THIS ROLE OF THREATENED GON ACTION TO ENFORCE "STRICTER CONTROLS" ON CENTER.

3. PRESS GUIDANCE IS BEING PREPARED HERE FOR USE ON IF-ASKED BASIS AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU WHEN CLEARED. KISSINGER

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N'DJAMENA FOR MCGINLEY, USIA

1. COUNTRY DIRECTOR LOUGHRAN CONVOKED NIGER AMBASSADOR DIALLO JUST PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR CONSULTATIONS. DIALLO IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN NIAMEY JANUARY 28.

2. LOUGHRAN EXPLAINED TO DIALLO, WHO UNINFORMED, BACK-GROUND OF TWO GON DEMARCHES. LOUGHRAN SAID USG COULD NOT ACCEDE VOLUNTARILY TO GON "REQUEST" THAT MCHALE BE WITH-DRAWN. WHILE WE REGRETTED MISUSE OF USG FACILITIES, AFFAIR HAD OCCURRED WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF US OFFICIALS AND IN ANY CASE MCHAL WAS NOT THE CULPRIT. ON LEARNING OF THE INCIDENT IN NOVEMBER, US OFFICIALS HAD TAKEN STEPS TO TIGHTEN CONTROLS OVER REPRODUCTION FACILITIES. DIALLO WAS ALSO TOLD THAT, IN ANY CASE, EVEN IF USIS OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE WERE STILL PRESENT IN NIAMEY, GON WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER TOTALITY OF US/NIGERIAN RELATIONS IN JUDGING

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WHETHER UNWITTING LAXITY MERITED EXPULSION.

3. YOU SHOULD INFORM GON AT WHATEVER LEVELS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING PRESIDENT, THAT THE USG:

A. VIEWS THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT MOST SERIOUSLY;
B. REQUESTS CLARIFICATION, PARTICULARLY SINCE BOTH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS NOW KNOW THAT PAO WAS NOT PRESENT IN NIAMEY AT THE TIME OF A FLAGRANT AND SURREPTITIOUS MIS-USE OF A USG FACILITY;

C. HOPE THAT IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING THE PRESIDENT WILL RECONSIDER HIS DECISION.

SHOULD DIORI FEEL UNABLE TO CHANGE HIS MIND, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM THE GON THAT THE USG IS UNABLE TO ACCEDE TO ITS REQUEST THAT MCHALE BE WITHDRAWN VOLUNTARILY.

4. FYI. OBVIOUSLY, WE WISH TO AVOID GON DECLARATION OF MCHALE AS PERSONA NON GRATA, AND WE HOPE THAT DIORI'S USE OF YOUSSOUFOU CHANNEL AND "REQUEST" THAT MCHALE BE WITHDRAWN LEAVE GON ROOM FOR RECONSIDERATION. WE CANNOT, HOWEVER, GO FURTHER THAN EXPRESSION OF REGRET FOR MISUSE, ALBEIT UNWITTING, OF USG FACILITIES.

5. DEPARTMENT PUZZLED AS TO GON MOTIVATIONS FOR WHAT APPEARS TO BE EXCESSIVE AND UNWARRANTED ACTION. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS REQUESTED. END FYI.

6. USIA CONCURS IN THIS TELEGRAM. RUSH

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